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Do that which is assigned to thee  
and thou canst not hope too much or  
dare too much.—Emerson.

## Fixing the Blame

It has been the fashion of some newspapers and many magazine writers who were really only press agents to attribute to Congress the greater blame for the delay in our war work. The record shows, however, that Congress has acted with reasonable promptitude on all administration measures relating to the war. It has, at times, objected to certain features of proposed legislation as unnecessary, unwise and, sometimes, positively dangerous, and in consequence delays have resulted. But Congress has never hesitated to empower the government to raise money or men for the war or to grant to the administration authority to employ means for carrying on the war with the utmost dispatch. But there has been unnecessary delay in exercising the authority so granted.

Members of Congress were surprised and somewhat disturbed a week ago yesterday at the receipt of a letter from Provost Marshal General Crowder urging legislation extending the draft age.

This was first suggested by the provost marshal general in June, and even long before that he had favored it. But at that time Secretary Baker was opposed to it as he had been from the beginning.

General Crowder cleared his own record at that time, on June 14, in the following statement to Congress:

"I must first invite your attention to an interview given out by the secretary of war, and which was published in yesterday's metropolitan dailies. It was to the general effect that we needed no additional enrollment. After I had received the summons from this committee to attend upon this session I sought an interview with the secretary of war and gave him some figures in regard to the depletion of our man power, which showed a necessity for additional enrollment. He authorized me to give these figures to the committee to express my individual views."

The interview of Mr. Baker to which General Crowder refers was the following:

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—In view of many reports that the War Department was to ask modification of the draft law and extend the present age limit, Secretary of War Baker today authorized the statement that no such plan was under consideration.

The present provision for drafting men between the ages of 21 and 31 satisfies military requirements and there is no need whatever, it is explained, to look beyond those age limits now or in the near future. Mr. Baker would be opposed to any proposition to extend the age limit at present for the reason that he regards this as entirely unnecessary.

It is explained at the War Department that if raising the draft age at this time would hasten the winning of the war, or serve a useful military purpose, there would be no hesitancy in raising it.

The available man power between the ages of 21 and 31 has not been exhausted, nor has the call to the colors of men within these age limits reached a point where it appears necessary to look beyond. Each year brings upwards of one million new men to availability for service by the fact that approximately this number becomes of age annually.

It was not until after Congress entered upon a period of recess, after the enactment of the law giving the administration control of telegraph and telephone lines, that the department proposed the extension of the draft limits, something that Congress was ready to take up two months ago, or even earlier.

This sudden change of opinion by Mr. Baker has occasioned resentment on the part of the House Military Committee, of both Democrats and Republicans and one of them last week expressed it as follows:

"We were ready to act then on the enlarged draft age limits. At Mr. Baker's request, we agreed to wait, but only on the understanding that the War Department would submit a bill in September, not before. Now, a few days after Congress goes away on a recess, Mr. Baker springs this bill on us, making it appear that Congress had been responsible for the delay in changing the age limits."

Members of the committee say they do not intend silently to accept the "buck" thus passed to Congress, but that they intend to complete the record by summoning Secretary Baker and securing from him an explanation of his efforts in June to block this legislation which is now so urgently demanded.

## The Elimination of Mr. Shackelford

The extent to which the war has overshadowed all other human considerations is illustrated in the defeat of Dorsey W. Shackelford of the Eighth Missouri district for re-nomination. The position of a democratic Congressman from one of the Missouri hinterland districts, once it has been established, is about as secure as a position can be. In the whole realm of politics there is nothing that more nearly approaches a life-time job. Only death or a political cataclysm of the greatest violence can remove the incumbent. There was such a catastrophe in Missouri in 1895, when Richard P. Bland, already firmly rooted, and Champ Clark, more recently established, were swept away by the displeasure of President Cleveland against the free silverites. Many other Missouri congressmen passed out in that storm. Again in 1904 the Roosevelt tidal wave washed out old-time congressmen and washed up the "Mysterious Stranger."

Mr. Shackelford had 20 years continuous service in Congress from the Eighth. According to the standard set by his constituents he was a good congressman. He took an important part in the affairs of the nation and he especially looked after the interests of his constituents. His fences were always in

good repair. In all the eight counties of the Eighth there was not more ideal congressional material.

Outside the Eighth and even throughout the whole country Mr. Shackelford commanded respect on account of his advocacy of good roads. A good roads law was named after him and a good roads convention was more recently given his name.

But the opportunity was given him to commit an unpardonable sin and he committed it. It was not merely that he opposed going to war or that later he opposed the administration's way of going to war. Champ Clark did that much more conspicuously than Mr. Shackelford, and Clark was renominated by an increased majority last week. The constituents of Mr. Clark evidently believed that he was moved by his own earnest, honest convictions. The constituents of Mr. Shackelford believed that he was torn between his honest convictions and his desire not to offend a pro-German element in his constituency. In the average American district a man cannot hold himself out successfully as both an American and a pro-German. So being neither hot nor cold Mr. Shackelford was spewed out as neatly as Laodicean church was, for the reason that it was neither hot nor cold.

## Climatic Jokes

Some ill-advised Phoenixian, though, we suspect, a very new Phoenixian and Arizonian, has endeavored to precipitate another "heat" contest among the towns of Southern and Central Arizona by issuing a post card bearing the picture of a thermometer on which various ascending degrees of heat are indicated by the words, "Tucson," "Hill" and "Yuma." Below these marks of supposedly high temperatures is the word "Blood," probably signifying "bloodheat."

What purpose the designer of this masterpiece or unoriginal and witty illustration expected to serve is not apparent. Any reference to extreme heat in Southern or Central Arizona towns in the summer time long since came to be regarded as banal and bromide. Only tenderfeet who have not heard much and who grasp what they hear slowly and stick to it tenaciously, ever allude to such matters. He is very much of a back number who yet refers to the story of the Yuma soldier and his blanket. That may have been a witticism at first but it could not stand much repetition.

The fact is the towns of Tucson and Yuma are in the same boat and another honored passenger is Phoenix. There is not enough difference in the temperatures of these towns to crow over. Whenever a citizen of one of these places advertises any discomfort of another of them he is calling unfavorable attention to all of them. That is, he is a poor advertiser. Outsiders only observe that again the pot is libeling the kettle.

We should rather tell the truth about the temperature of all these towns and then outsiders will like the temperature. It gets warm here in the summer-time and causes some discomfort. Otherwise we would not have oranges, grape fruit, the finest in the world, cotton worth seventy cents a pound, six or seven cuttings of alfalfa a year and, altogether, a garden spot. But there has never been a summer in Arizona when the people endured positive suffering as the people of the middle and eastern and middle western states do, not one, but every summer, and especially this summer, that is now rapidly passing.

The writer has spent twenty-six June and as many July in Phoenix and Southern Arizona and twenty-five August. The other August he passed in the East and the Middle West and then he took a solemn oath never to do it again. He still takes an annual vacation but he takes it in October or sometimes in November, so as to be sure to encounter no sweltering, suffocating heat to which Arizonians or people living west of the Rocky Mountains are not accustomed. One can be positively sure that he will not be prostrated by heat—have a sunstroke, anywhere in Arizona. He cannot be sure of that anywhere east of the state of Colorado between the Canadian line and the Gulf.

And, then, there is our fall, winter and spring temperature, seven months of climatic delight, unsurpassed, unequaled anywhere else in the world. We have for that the word of globe travelers, the late Whitelaw Reid, Sir Gilbert Parker and other men who have made world-wide guests for climate.

If all of us talked climate as persistently as our Californian neighbors do, or as persistently as our own tenderfeet brethren talk about the heat of our neighbors, the whole world would be coming to our door and a part of it would stay all summer and enjoy it.

HEADS U. S. NAVY  
IN EUROPEAN SEAS

Admiral Sims.

Admiral Sims is commander-in-chief of the United States fleet in European waters and is expected to handle the German fleet. If it ever appears where the American ships can get at it. The photo shows Admiral Sims raising the American flag at a Red Cross sale at St. George's school, Harpenden, England. Sims presented the flag to the school.

NEW YORK CLEANS  
UP BOSTON SERIES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

BOSTON, Aug. 12.—(American)—New York cleaned up the Boston series today in three straight. Score:

New York	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Gilhooley rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Ward cf	3	0	1	2	1	0
Baker 3b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Pratt 2b	3	1	1	5	2	0
Fournier 1b	3	1	1	8	0	0
Hummel lf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Peckinpaugh ss	4	0	0	2	2	0
Walters c	2	0	0	4	1	0
Robinson p	3	0	0	3	0	0
	28	2	4	27	10	0

Boston	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Hooper rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Shean 2b	3	0	0	0	4	2
Strunk cf	4	0	0	3	0	0
Ruth p	3	0	0	0	3	0
McInnis 1b	3	0	0	13	0	0
Miller lf	2	0	1	2	0	0
Scott ss	2	1	1	4	4	0
Mayer c	2	0	0	2	0	0
Schlang 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0
Cochran 2b	2	0	0	1	1	0
Agnew c	0	0	0	1	0	0
Whiteman p	1	0	0	0	0	0
	27	1	3	27	13	2

\*Batted for Cochran in eighth.

By innings:

New York ..... 020 000 000—2

Boston ..... 000 000 010—1

Summary: Sacrifice hits—Walters, Fournier. Double plays—Peckinpaugh, to Pratt to Fournier, Scott to McInnis. Base on balls—Robinson, 3; Ruth, 4. Hit by pitcher—By Robinson (Hooper). Struck out—By Robinson, 2; Ruth, 2.

SAINT LOUIS TAKES  
FIRST FROM CINCY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 12.—(National)—St. Louis took the first game of the series. A wild throw by Schneider permitted Tuero to make the circuit of the bases on a single. Score:

Cincinnati	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Grob, 3b	4	0	0	2	3	0
L. Magee, 2b	4	1	2	4	8	1
Roush, cf	4	0	2	1	0	1
S. Magee, 1b	4	0	1	5	0	0
Neale, lf	3	0	1	4	0	0
Griffith, rf	3	0	0	2	2	0
Blackburn, ss	3	0	0	1	3	1
McHenry, c	3	0	0	1	0	1
Schneider, p	3	0	1	0	0	1
	31	1	7	24	16	3

St. Louis	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Anderson, rf	4	0	1	0	5	1
Betz, 3b	4	0	1	0	5	1
Paulette, 1b	3	1	0	10	2	0
Hornsbly, ss	4	1	2	2	1	1
Fisher, 2b	3	0	1	2	2	0
McHenry, lf	3	0	1	1	0	1
Heathcote, cf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Gonzales, c	2	0	0	4	1	0
Tuero, p	3	1	2	3	0	0
	26	3	7	27	15	3

By innings:

Cincinnati ..... 100 000 000—1

St. Louis ..... 002 000 100—3

Two base hits, L. Magee, Fisher. Sacrifice hits, Anderson. Double plays, L. Magee and S. Magee; Gonzales and Fisher; McHenry, and Gonzales; Betzel, Fisher and Paulette; Hornsbly and Paulette; Grob, L. Magee and S. Magee; Griffith and Wingo. Bases on balls off Schneider, 6. Struck out, by Tuero, 3.

SPIRITED RACING  
ON GRAND CIRCUIT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12.—Spirited racing and fast time marked the opening day of the Grand Circuit meeting at the Belmont driving club's track at Narberth today. The quality of racing thoroughly satisfied the crowd.

Two of the three events resulted in split heat races and Tommy Murphy added two first moneys to his winnings with Director J. and Chilcot, but was distanced with Zombino in the 2:07 race when the black colt pulled out himself severely while acting badly. Walter Cox won this event with Betsy Hamlin. Ho Stately broke down after finishing second in the first heat and was drawn.

The 2:04 pace furnished the feature. Murphy landed the first and third heats. Baxter Lou took the second heat and led to the half in the third, but the pace was too fast and Director J. won the heat from Hay Boy in 2:03 1/2. The 2:08 trot was a procession for Chilcot.

Where the People  
May Have Hearing

The Boys Who Die  
(The following poem is written by Robert A. Harker, 15 year old son of Dr. R. C. Harker of Phoenix. They are summer visitors at Santa Monica, residing at 1147 Fourth Street.)

The laddies there we see, so far,  
Are dying on the field.  
But glad they die, nor would they fly,  
Nor to the Germans yield.

As harvests grow, and sickles mow,  
We see the doughboys rise;  
Nor do they quail before the hail,  
Tho' many a gallant dies.

So brave they fall, and dying call  
To others coming on,  
"Go hasten in and fight and win;  
Avenge a father's son."

The charge sweeps by, and there they lie,  
Upon the shell-torn field.  
While other men go on again,  
Their lips by death are sealed.

They die, alas, we see them pass,  
While others take their place.  
Their fight is done, their fame is won,  
Which death can ne'er erase.

They die in France, they take the chance,  
That we may still be free.  
In freedom's cause they die for laws  
That give us liberty.

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PITTSBURG WINS A  
ONE SIDED VICTORY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(National)—Carmen Hill pitched in fine form while Pittsburgh batted Chicago's pitchers hard and won a one-sided victory. The visitors made seventeen hits, good for a total of twenty-four bases. Score:

Pittsburgh	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Boone ss	4	0	1	2	5	0
Bigbee lf	6	0	2	4	0	0
Carey cf	5	0	0	3	0	0
Southworth rf	6	4	4	1	1	0
Cutshaw 2b	4	2	3	1	4	0
Mollwitz 1b	2	2	8	0	0	0
Shaw 3b	1	0	0	2	0	0
McKeechle 2b	4	0	1	3	1	0
Schmidt c	4	3	3	1	0	0
Hill p	3	1	0	1	0	0
	40	12	17	27	13	0

Chicago	ABR	H	P	O	A	E
Flack rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Hollock ss	4	0	1	2	1	0
Wortman ss	4	0	0	2	0	0
Mann lf	4	0	1	4	0	0
Paskert cf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Barber cf	1	0	0	0	1	0
Merkle 1b	3	0	1	7	1	0
Peck 2b	3	1	1	2	3	1
Deal 3b	4	0	1	2	2	0
Killifer c	1	0	0	1	0	0
O'Farrell c	3	0	0	3	2	0
Martin p	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hendrix p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Napier p	3	0	1	1	0	0
	32	1	7	27	12	2

By innings:

Pittsburgh ..... 044 111 001—12

Chicago ..... 010 000 000—1

Summary: Two-base hits—Flack, Cutshaw, Schmidt, 2. Three-base hits—Schmidt, Southworth. Stolen bases—Mollwitz, 2; Schmidt, 2; Cutshaw, 2. Sacrifice hits—Mollwitz, Boone. Sacrifice fly—McKeechle. Double play—Deal, unassisted. Base on balls—Martin, 3; Hill, 4; Napier, 3. Innings pitched—Martin, 12-3; Hendrix, 2-3; Napier, 6-2-3. Struck out—By Hill, 2; by Napier, 1. Wild pitches—Hendrix. Passed ball—O'Farrell.

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RAIN STOPS GAME  
IN NINTH INNING

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12.—In the ninth inning rain stopped the game between Philadelphia and Washington with the score tied at one. Score:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		W.	L.	P.
Chicago	.....	65	37	
New York	.....	61	43	
Pittsburg	.....	55	48	
Cincinnati	.....	48	55	
Philadelphia	.....	47	54	
Brooklyn	.....	46	55	
Boston	.....	46	54	
St. Louis	.....	44	65	
Philadelphia-Brooklyn				postponed